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## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114, and Preliminary Amendment under 37 CFR §1.115

Dear Sir or Madam,

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 21, 2011, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and the following amendment and response, which are designed to place subject matter in condition for allowance. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.